



CHARMED LIFE . . . Windows completely out, top crushed, and the steering wheel pushed almost into the back seat and yet the Lomita couple riding in this crumpled mass of metal escaped with their lives in a spectacular auto-truck crash March 21 on Western avenue south of 256th street. Injured were Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Ellsworth of 25201 Oak street. (Herald photo)

Bloodmobile Slates Return Visit Here



ATTORNEY RIPPY
... Recovering

Local Attorney Recovering From Heart Attack

Former City Judge Charles T. Rippy Sr. was reported yesterday to be responding favorably to treatment following a heart attack at his home Easter morning.

The well-known attorney, once city attorney of Torrance and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, was taken to the Torrance Memorial Hospital for treatment of coronary thrombosis.

With him at his home, 1611 El Prado, at the time of the attack was his wife, Ruth. At home on a pre-embarkation leave for the Easter holiday was his son, Second Lieutenant Charles T. Rippy Jr. The younger Rippy, a member of the Field Artillery of the 40th Infantry Division of the California National Guard, is due to sail today for Japan. The Red Cross obtained a 24-hour extension of his leave last Sunday when the prominent local attorney was stricken.

Sharing a room at the hospital with Rippy is another prominent civic leader, former City Councilman Albert L. Jackson who is recovering from a minor operation.

Guest Leaves Early, So Hosts Call Police

Twenty-three year old Calvin Osborne turned up among the missing early Tuesday morning, according to Fred and Ed Udenberg, of 1610 Cabrillo avenue.

The Udenbergs, with whom Osborne was boarding, told police that their guest was missing early Tuesday when they awakened. Also missing was Osborne's baggage and \$120 of the Udenbergs' money, they told police.

The men blew the whistle on their boarder when they found also that someone had securely padlocked the front and only door leading up to their upstairs apartment. Police filed the lock from the door.

The search for Osborne continued yesterday.

A return engagement for the Red Cross Bloodmobile has been slated for Friday, April 6, Mrs. Don Hyde, chairman of the Torrance chapter of the American Red Cross, reminded residents this week.

The return of the Bloodmobile has been timed so that those who donated blood when it was here December 1, 1950, can now donate again, Mrs. Hyde said.

"The armed forces have asked the Red Cross to supply 1,250,000 pints of blood by July 1," she said.

Plagued by the flu epidemic just as many other activities have been, the blood drive has been falling short of the needs recently.

FLU VICTIMS
For those who have had the flu, the Red Cross chairman pointed out that blood can be given by persons if they have not been under medication for the malady within the two weeks prior to their visit to the bank.

Next visit of the bloodmobile will be much like the one in December, at which time 230 pints of blood were collected. The big van will pull up to the Civic Auditorium and be ready for business between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., according to Mrs. Clifford Easley, chairman of the blood recruitment committee.

In charge of the canteen will be Mrs. John Keefer, and Mrs. J. H. Hull will be in charge of

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City Dads Up in Air Over Dump

Two City Councilmen took to the air this week to find a hole in the ground.

Soon to be faced with the problem of what to do with 30 to 35 loads of rubbish collected each day, Councilman Willys G. Blount and Harvey B. Spelman Jr. attempted to get a bird's eye view of the problem.

City Manager George W. Stevens said the present dumping site would be filled within a year, perhaps sooner. Meanwhile residents in the vicinity of the dump at Plaza del Amo and Western avenue are pressing their demands that the dump be closed immediately.

Councilman Spelman after alighting at Torrance Municipal Airport and holding his tummy as though his belt buckle was about to drop off commented: "This problem is just as rough up there as it is down here."

Commenting on their trip Councilman Blount said: "Oh, we found a lot of holes in the ground all right, but they all had an oil derrick standing over them."

The councilmen were studying several possible dump locations to determine, among other things, ways of approaching the dumps so that the trash-laden trucks would present the least possible obstructions.

They did not disclose the locations they viewed from the air.



WANDA HOLLOWAN
... TAP Turns Marine

Wanda Holloman, TAPs Advisor, Joins Marines

Leaving next Thursday for Parris Island, South Carolina, to undergo Marine boot training will be two of the most charming recruits to enlist in this area for some time.

Catching the eastbound train on April 5 will be Wanda Holloman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Holloman, of 1625 Crepe of 2119 West 250th street, Lomita.

"I tried to enlist in the Navy because my three brothers, Jerry, Gene, and Roy served in the Navy during the war," Wanda said. The Navy told her to wait because she was still under their age minimum. She didn't want to wait, so she joined the Marines.

"It's the same thing," she said innocently. Mary received a medal and a set of oil paints for her art entry in the 1949 Carmel Festival of Arts Exhibit which was labeled "Most Outstanding in Show." Her work was entered in competition with those of 125 other California High School students.

Both girls graduated from Torrance High with the class of '50. Wanda has been attending El Camino Junior College, and Mary has been attending Harbor Tech in Wilmington. They enlisted in Los Angeles about three weeks ago.

Wanda has been active in the Torrance Auxiliary Police organization and was recently advanced to the position of supervisor on the advisory board of the group. She had been a sergeant in the organization prior to her promotion.

"I hope to be a Marine MP," she said yesterday. The Marines should love that.

Nip and Tuck Battle for Queen Looms City Spurns Offer of Split In Parking Meter Squabble

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See-Saw Battle For Queen Title Seen in Wind-up

With the end of the 1951 Miss Torrance contest just 60 hours away, a margin of only 255 votes separated the number one and number two girls in the race for the crown.

According to William A. Zoeller, local certified public accountant, Pat Merola still held the lead in the contest for the third consecutive week. Zola Bellwood showed fast action last week and made a strong bid to recapture the lead spot—a position she held for the first six weeks of the contest. Zola earned the 1000 extra bonus points this week for her efforts in reporting the most tickets sold for the past week.

Sandy Gulbranson dropped from second place last week to third place this week.

CLOSES SATURDAY

The contest will close at midnight Saturday, March 31. From then on the actual winner of the title will remain a secret of Zoeller's until April 7—the evening of the Coronation Ball.

As of Tuesday, the 1951 contest, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, has raised \$1,543.33 all of which will be used by the Juniors to add to the YWCA building fund. A new "YW" building is nearing the "lock-up" stage on the park-like triangle at Plaza del Amo and Madrid avenue. Prior contests and other fund-raising activities have netted the Juniors over \$11,000 which helped finance the construction of the brick structure. Donated materials and some free labor have also helped turn a vision of a YWCA club room into a reality.

Heading this year's contest is Miss Mary Schultz. The general chairman of the YWCA building is Mrs. L. A. McCoy.

CROWN TO CHANGE

The coronation of the new queen and the awarding of prizes to the seven contestants will take place in the Civic Auditorium on April 7 during the Coronation Ball. Jackie Johnson, Miss Torrance of 1950, will turn over her crown to the new queen as a climax to the contest.

The standings of the seven contestants Tuesday were:

	Last Week	This Week
Pat Merola	30,166	33,666
Zola Bellwood	27,599	33,411
Sandy Gulbranson	28,326	30,209
Donna Fuller	22,934	27,084
D. Sandstrom	23,329	25,129
Shirley York	13,984	15,514
Alice Gargalis	2,830	2,820

Earning bonus points for the best three sales job of the week were Bellwood, 1000 points; Fuller, 750 points; and Merola, 500 points.

Kathy Fiscus Law Used To Cite Oil Sump Owner

Following the death of a collie dog in an open oil sump on Monday of this week, the city attorney's office was preparing a complaint charging the operators of a well near-by of violating the Kathy Fiscus law.

Officer Don Hamilton of the Torrance Police Department drew the attention of quite a crowd as he pulled the dog from a pit of thick mire at Sepulveda and Western avenue.

Scores of passing motorists stopped to watch the rescue. The dog was taken to the South Bay Humane Society and after determining the animal was suffering from swallowing oil and tar he was put to sleep.

No owner of the animal has been determined. The Kathy Fiscus law demands that any open sump hole, pit, well, or similar hazard must be enclosed in a fence or filled with earth.

A sign on the well indicated it was operated by J. L. O'Donnell of Long Beach.



ASSEMBLYMAN VINCENT THOMAS

... Torrance Still in His District

Torrance in District Vincent Thomas Keeps

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas will keep Torrance and Lomita in his 68th Assembly District, but stands to lose the unincorporated areas of Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, and Catalina Island, under the provisions of the Reapportionment Bills passed this week by the Assembly.

In exchange, Thomas will pick up the Dominguez area. The district will then include Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Dominguez, San Pedro, Wilmington, Keystone, and most of the Shoestring Strip.

Commenting last week on the proposed realignment of his district, Thomas said the areas he lost would probably be added to the 46th District which includes the South Bay cities of Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, and communities to the north.

The shifts evidently didn't displease the assemblyman too much. He was one of the few Democrats who went along with the Republican majority in voting for the passage of the first two bills Tuesday.

Considerable opposition to the bills was voiced by the Democratic minority in the Assembly which termed them "the worst possible form of Republican gerrymandering."

NEWS BRIEFS

City to Drop Bus Line To Riviera, Seaside

Since the bus line serving Seaside Ranchos and the Riviera was losing nearly \$15 per day, the Torrance City Council voted to abandon the line Tuesday night.

Marshall Chamberlain, bus department manager, said that the line would cease running about April 15. He said that during a recent three-week check the line netted \$3.50 a day as compared to an operating cost of \$18.09. This was based on the line running only from Waverly to the beach homes areas, he said.

Overhead Stop Lights

Installation of overhead single traffic-control lights is currently under investigation by City Manager George W. Stevens he reported to the Council Tuesday night.

The lights which could be viewed from all four directions and which would be suspended in the center of an intersection would replace the clock-operated devices now used on Torrance boulevard and several other locations throughout the city.

Meeting Postponed

The regular monthly meeting of the Fern Avenue PTA, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until some future date, according to Mrs. G. J. Derouin, president of the group.

578th Slated To Leave for Japan Today

Members of the 578th Engineer Battalion will probably sail for Japan today, according to an announcement made in Washington this week by Secretary of Defense Marshall.

Activated with the 40th Infantry Division last September, the unit is made up of men from the South Bay area including many from Torrance, Lomita, and Harbor City. The battalion has been training at Camp Cooke since activation.

The Headquarters and Service Company and Company A of the Engineer battalion were stationed at the Torrance Municipal Park and at the Torrance Airport as National Guard units prior to their entry into the Federal service last fall.

Also slated to start the long ocean voyage for Japan today is the 45th Division, according to Secretary Marshall's statement. The 45th, from Oklahoma, will sail from New Orleans.

New Church Site Wins Approval

Following the recommendations of the Planning Commission, the Torrance City Council Tuesday night granted a zone variance to the South Bay Church of God to erect an edifice at 17661 Yukon avenue.

Speaking against the granting of the variance was F. P. Riley, whose property adjoins the proposed church site. He said the parking area in the rear of the church would create a hazard for his two children.

Rev. John A. Neal told the council the church would share the cost of the erection of a fence to separate the two properties.

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Rev. Lingenfelter Allowed Visitors

The condition of Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, injured several weeks ago in an auto accident, was listed as "much improved" by Harbor General Hospital attendants yesterday afternoon, and they reported that a few visitors were allowed to see him on Wednesdays and Sundays—regular visiting days at the hospital.

Who Owns Streets City Asks

Looking to the future the city took steps Tuesday night to gain clear title to miles of streets rather than kick in a quarter of each dollar collected when and if parking meters are ever installed.

Donald Findley, president of REMCO, tossed a weighty problem into the laps of the councilmen when he reminded them of the embarrassing fact that Torrance does not have complete control over many of its own streets.

In fact, said Findley, the Real Estate Management Company, as holder of the original titles to the streets, has a few things to say about the matter.

"Of course," he told Mayor Bob L. Haggard and Attorney C. T. Alford, "your company will be glad to allow the installation of parking meters, but you had better count us in for a quarter of every dollar collected from them." Rippy heads the parking committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Findley was quick to point out that the streets, with the exception of Carson street, in the original Torrance townsite were deeded to the city with a perpetual easement that they be forever used for public street purposes.

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Lions To Celebrate With Anniversary Party

The annual Anniversary party of the Torrance Lions club will be held Saturday night at the Club Alondra, 16311 South Prairie avenue, according to President Al Ewart. A prime ribs dinner and an evening of dancing make up the anniversary program.

Hospitalized

Into the Torrance Memorial Hospital for a brief stay this week went Mrs. Harvey Spelman Jr., wife of the Torrance City councilman, of 23145 Doris way.